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HARVESTS ALLEVIATE FOOD SHORTAGES

NORTHEAST SUPPLIES 100,000 TONS OF PROVISIONS -- Hua-ch'iao Jih-pao, 11 Nov 49

Pei-p'ing, 3 November (NCHA) -- Recently, 100,000 tons of provisions were shipped from Northeast China to Pei-p'ing, T'ien-ching and other adjacent food-deficient areas. This alleviated the food shortages caused by natural disaster in this area.

The Northeast Provisions Company provided Shanghai with 20,000 tons of rice during the latter part of October 1949, and will supply 10,000 tons of soya beans by mid-November 1949.

HUPEH REAPS ABUNDANT HARVEST -- Ta Kung Pao, 10 Oct 49

Han-k'ou, 9 October (RCHA) -- The harvest in Hupeh Province was successfully completed by the middle of September 1949. Eighty percent of the annual farm produce of the entire province was harvested from areas other than those which had been inundated.

The harvest, which reached an 8-year high, was possible because of sufficient rainfall in areas from Tai-pieh-shan to the P'in-han road and from Yun-meng Plain to I-ch'ang Plateau. I-ch'ang, Tang-yang, Yun-meng, and other hsien brought in an average of 700 catties of grain per mou (one-sixth acre). Throughout the area of Ta-yeh, T'ung-ch'eng, Yang-hsin, Ch'ung-yang, and other hsien which have annual floods, the harvest was approximately 500 catties of grains per mou of farm land.

Harvest began as early as July in the areas of Yun-meng, P'ing-yuan, Hsiao-kun, T'ung-ch'eng, and continued until mid-September in other areas. During this period while bandits were being exterminated, soldiers aided the people with the harvests.

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At present the farm lands are being plowed. Over one-third of the fields in I-ch'ang, Tang-yang, and Ching-chou have been cultivated for winter crops.

CENTRAL PLAINS GOVERNMENT REDUCES RENT -- Nan-ch'iao Jih-pao, 29 Sep 49

Han-k'ou, 11 October -- The Central Plains Provisional government has announced the implementation of regulations providing for the reduction of 25 percent in land rent and 50 percent in interest rates. Other phases of the land-reform program cannot be implemented now owing to war conditions, the bandit situation, and the political backwardness of the peasants.

NORTH CHINA TO INSTITUTE LAND REFORM -- Hua-ch'iao Jih-pao, 4 Nov 49

Pei-p'ing, 26 October (NCNA) -- It was announced recently by the North China Office of the CCP Central Committee that necessary land reforms would soon be effected in North China. In the interest of rapid agricultural recovery and development, it has been decided that, with the exception of Suiyuan, equal land distribution will be completed in every province and district in North China by this winter or next spring.

Because feudalism has already been abolished in this region, and the peasants are enjoying the first fruits of liberation, it has not been found necessary to reduce land rent or interest rates at this time.

HARVEST AND FALL PLOWING IN MANCHURIA -- Ta Kung Pao, 8 Oct 49

Shen-yang, 7 October (NCNA) -- The kaffir (grain sorghum) and soy bean harvest has been completed in Liaotung and Liaosi. It is 40 percent completed in Kirin. Fall plowing is in process in south Jehol. Harvesting in Heilungkiang began in late September.

SHENSI SLAUGHTERS DRAFT CATTLE -- Nan-ch'iao Jih-pao, 29 Sep 49

Wei'an, 11 September (NCNA) -- Reports from Shensi indicate that the number of draft cattle being slaughtered is out of proportion to the normal food requirements of the people in this area. The Shensi-Kansu-Ninghsia Border Region government authorities have issued a stern warning against the slaughter of any cattle useable for farm work.

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